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Applicant: Alan H. Karp Examiner: Jeffrey Swearingen

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Title: System and Method for Selectively Increasing Message Transaction Costs

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Please enter the following Response to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Remarks begin on page 2.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

REMARKS

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states (portions omitted

for brevity):

The novelty of Applicant's invention is as follows: Applicant

requests to transmit a message. Applicant's connection ....

Applicant's invention is distinguished over Barrett. Barrett

counts a number of electronic ....

The art of record does not teach or suggest the recited limitations of the claims.

The Examiner, however, did not accurately cite limitations from the claims in his

analysis. Further, the Examiner makes arguments as to limitations that do not appear in

the claims. Applicant submits that no words or terms should be "read into" a claim based

on the statements of the Examiner. Instead, the present claims are allowable for at least

the reason that the art of record does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the

claims as actually recited in the claims themselves. Applicant therefore respectfully

asserts that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim

language, including all equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,

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